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Situation Report

Severe Storms

July 22, 2006 Afternoon Summary

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SUMMARY

Federal disaster declaration received during the evening of July 21, 2006, (FEMA-3267-EM), for City of St. Louis, and the counties of St. Louis, Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St. Charles, and Washington. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. FEMA is authorized to provide debris removal and emergency protective measures, (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance under the Public Assistance program, at 75 percent Federal funding. Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

Ameren officials report that as of 1pm, 335,000 customers in Missouri are without power. 3,600 personnel are involved in restoration efforts, the largest effort in company history. 14 nursing homes in the metro area remain without power at this time, and getting power restored to these facilities has been identified as a high-priority projects. Ameren officials continue to work directly with city, county, state and federal authorities to coordinate other priority restoration areas as needed.

FEMA is maintaining staff at the State Emergency Operations Center in Jefferson City Missouri, where a temporary Joint Field Office will be established. Also, an ESF-8 team (Public Health and Medical Services) and a debris management technician has been dispatched to St. Louis to conduct a medical needs assessment.

State, Federal, and local government officials are continuing to participate in daily conference calls to coordinate resource requests and maintain communications.

City of St. Louis

3 shelters are open, although people are starting to leave them today. City crews will be working on debris removal for the next two days or so. City workers are conducting door-to-door health checks to locate people who may need assistance. Red Cross and Salvation Army officials have been contacted to coordinate any assistance they can offer.

St. Louis County

County reports traffic signals at 87 intersections are not working because of power outage. **29 shelters remain open.** County continues to work requests for ice at various locations. County officials report they are possibly going to need assistance with transporting people from shelters back to their homes.

Washington County

State officials completed a damage assessment on Friday. **2 homes were confirmed destroyed, while 4 had major damage, and 109 had minor damage.**

State Actions

Governor Blunt issued a public service announcement warning citizens on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning due to running generators without proper ventilation, and other safety related issues caused by lack of electrical power.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) continues to operate its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at a Level-2 activation, with staffing from several state response agencies. SEMA staff are continuing to collect information from metro and outlying areas of the state effected by this storm system. SEMA will coordinate with FEMA Region 7 and continue to monitor situation and respond to requests for support.

Office of Administration (OA) is working with Missouri National Guard to coordinate delivery of generators to the Missouri Veterans Home. OA coordinated the use of two generators from the City of Rolla to the City of St. Louis Metro Police at two locations within the city.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) is providing aircraft support for damage assessment in Washington County. MSHP is working with DNR to deliver three truckloads of Meals, Ready-To-Eat (MREs) to distribution centers. MSHP provided 10 Troopers to assist St. Louis County with police duties in North County.

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has over 400 personnel on duty performing various missions. 10 teams are doing health and welfare checks with local fire departments. Five additional teams are performing debris removal activities. One additional team is conducting a transport mission within the area. MoNG and Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted on availability of power generators if needed.

Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) is monitoring and coordinating the need for additional nursing and medical personnel in St. Louis. IV supplies were reported to be getting in short supply in Potosi, and that need is being addressed. DHSS is working with private well owners in Washington County to make sure well water is safe.

Department of Mental Health (DMH) is working on additional generators and ice for Bellefontaine Habilitation Center. DMH is also coordinating ice delivery for the St Louis Psych Rehab Center. Department of Mental Health gave out toll-free number (1-800-364-9687) for shelters and agencies to provide to anyone who may need assistance.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a debris waste waiver for yard waste. DNR and Dept of Social Services are working with private businesses to supply bottled drinking water to distribution sites in St. Louis City/County and Potosi Missouri. Supplies of water have been provided by Busch and Wal-Mart.

State agencies in the St. Louis area affected by the storm who have resource needs are directing their requests to their fellow state agencies to provide relief to local resources.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC) is delivering 50,000 heater meals today in the St Louis area. ARC and Salvation Army continue to work with local governments in the storm affected areas. Requests for cots, cooling tents, and other assistance continue to be passed on to these agencies.

Point of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

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<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>